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December 23, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **In the Matter of the Application by Qwest Communications International, Inc.
For Authorization Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide
In-Region, InterLATA Service in the States of Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Montana,
Nebraska, North Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming,
WC Docket No. 02-314**

Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please take notice that on Friday, December 20, 2002, representatives of Ronan Telephone Company, Hot Springs Telephone Company, and Lincoln Telephone Company, had a telephone conference with Mr. Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, regarding Qwest's 271 Application, and the information submitted by Ronan Telephone Company alleging potential violations of Section 271 by Qwest. Present on the call were Jay Wilson Preston, President of Ronan Telephone Company, and Ivan C. Evilsizer, Attorney for Ronan Telephone Company, Hot Springs Telephone Company, and Lincoln Telephone Company.

We discussed and explained the calling data provided by Ronan Telephone in its December 18, 2002 *ex parte* filing with the Commission; and discussed the pros and cons of addressing the allegations before approval is granted versus an enforcement action after approval.

This filing is provided in compliance with Commission *ex parte* rules and pursuant to the Commission's Notice herein (DA 02-2438) permitting *ex parte* presentations. We may be

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reached at 406-442-7115 (Ivan C. Evilsizer) and 406-676-9212 (Jay Wilson Preston).

Sincerely,

/s/

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Telephone Company

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